Was much pleased to see with your tribute to Mr. Phillips.

Most truly yours,
Samuel Johnson

Salem Mar. 22d. 74

My dear Mr. Garrison:

I thank you heartily for your most timely and righteous protest against the monstrous resolutions so strangely permitted to keep the legislature, swearing Ex President Fillmore. I am sure it will waken every decent man among our representatives, who retains any thing like the vestiges of

a memory, in these crazy days of political competition and speculation; to wonder at his own thoughtlessness, or criminality, in allowing such a proceeding to pass unresisted, & even helping it on.

It is almost without a parallel, as an instance of unbecoming devotion to forms without meaning; and shows what intolerable meaning such forms may come to have.

Not a word in Law which

is too strong. I should think a motion for recisal or rescindment would be instantly made. But there are too many things in the way, to make that probable; and so the record will stand, over against all that these people have been saying and doing about Sumner; — not only to show what opposite things may proceed out of the same mouth, — but to stain the good name and fame of Mas-

sachusetts.

There are some very sad things to think of, amidst all the comfort and hope that comes with the tone of the whole community on our great Creator's death. But abolitionists are used to strange & painful spectacles. To have drawn forth from your vigilance and fidelity such a noble reminder of the situation, almost alters the desired significance of this affair, so well have you used it to point an indispensable warning.